

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**May 8, 2015**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on May 8, 2015 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Michael Sligar and Amy Crane.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

A draft of the April 3, 2015 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

**VOTED**                      To approve the meeting minutes of April 3, 2015.

**HEARINGS**

<b>Eubalda Coates</b>	Cook's Helper, Department of Human Services Veterans; Affairs. (Estimated service credits 10 months)
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After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Sligar:

**VOTED:** To reaffirm the decision of May 14, 2014 **denying** Ms. Coates' application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

**Mary MacLaughlin** Animal Control Officer, Town of North Kingstown.  
(Estimated service credits 9 years, 10 months, 18 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Crane:

**VOTED:** To reaffirm the decision of October 8, 2014 **denying** Ms. MacLaughlin's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Crane:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. MacLaughlin's application for an ordinary disability retirement. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

**Sean Siembab** Juvenile Program Worker, RI department of Children, Youth & Families. (Estimated service credits 8 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Crane:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Siembab's application for an accidental disability retirement for 66 2/3 %. Mr. Beardsley voted Nay.

### **ORDINARY MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**David Lashus**

Firefighter, Town of Johnston. (Estimated service credits 12 years, 11 months, 25 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Sligar:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Lashus' application for an ordinary disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

### **ACCIDENTAL MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**Michael Stevens**

EMS Lieutenant, Central Coventry Fire District.  
(Estimated service credits 10 years, 8 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Sligar:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Stevens' application for an accidental disability pension.

### **ORDINARY MATTER PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**

**Kurt Strakaluse**

Police Officer, Woonsocket Police Department.

No motion taken. Documentation received. No further action required.

### **ACCIDENTAL - NEW**

**Kristina Smith**

Patrol Officer, Cranston Police Department.  
(Estimated service credits 10 years, 8 months, 16 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Crane:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Smith's application for an accidental disability retirement

### **ORDINARY- NEW**

**Nancy Jones**

Paralegal Aide, Rhode Island Attorney General.  
(Estimated service credits 16 years, 8 months, 18 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Jones' application for an ordinary disability retirement

**Nancy Marciano**

Social Studies Teacher, Warwick Public School.  
(Estimated service credits 8 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Sligar and seconded by Ms. Crane:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Marciano's application for an ordinary disability pension.

**Paula Craig**

Senior Clinical Lab Scientist, RI Department of Health. (Estimated service credits 11 years, 5 months, 13 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Craig's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Thomas Andrade**

Maintenance Mechanic, Bristol Housing Authority. (Estimated service credits 12 years, 6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

**VOTED:**

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Andrade's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Agenda**

Damon Borrelli – Updated Subcommittee regarding Full Board's request to remand the matter to the Disability Subcommittee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Sligar and seconded by Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

**VOTED**

To adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.  
GCM: gsb

May 28, 2015